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SENATE BILL 683

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER; REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER
73, ARTICLE 14 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR CONSERVANCY COURT
CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER; PROVIDING FOR
REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT BOARD OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
BY DISTRICTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 73, Article 14 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ELECTION OF CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD--DISTRICTS--CONSERVANCY COURT--RECEIVER.--

A. The conservancy court for the middle Rio Grande
conservancy district shall assume control of the conservancy
district not later than ten calendar days after the effective

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1 date of this section.

2 B. The conservancy court shall appoint a receiver
3 to manage operations of the middle Rio Grande conservancy
4 district.

5 C. The conservancy court shall order the receiver
6 to craft boundaries for the election of middle Rio Grande
7 conservancy district directors.

8 D. The middle Rio Grande conservancy district
9 election scheduled for June 2009 is suspended.

10 E. Middle Rio Grande conservancy district elections
11 shall take place with regular elections held each even-numbered
12 year in November, and candidates' names shall appear on the
13 ballot.

14 F. Members of the middle Rio Grande conservancy
15 district shall be elected for staggered four-year terms;
16 provided that commission members elected at the 2010 general
17 election shall classify themselves by lot so that three
18 commission members shall initially serve terms of two years and
19 four commission members shall serve terms of four years.
20 Thereafter, all commission members shall serve four-year terms.
21 After serving two terms, a commission member shall be
22 ineligible to hold office as a commission member until one full
23 term has intervened."

24 Section 2. REPEAL.--Sections 73-14-19 and 73-14-22 NMSA
25 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 262, Sections 2 and 5, as

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1 amended) are repealed.

2 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
3 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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